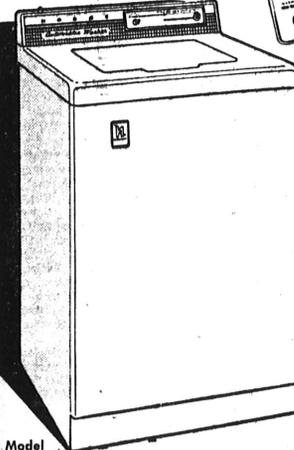


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## Local Teachers' Salaries Higher Than U. S. Average

Torrance teachers are paid somewhat more than the national average, a survey made by the California Taxpayers' Assn. indicates.

Salaries in this district range from \$3,741 to \$8,406, with the great majority of teachers in the \$4000 to \$5000 bracket.

The Torrance salary schedules for the 310 teachers included in the survey was as follows: \$6000 or more, one teacher; \$5000 to \$6000, 43; \$4000 to \$5000, 236; and \$3400 to \$4000, 36.

**Covered Wide Segment**  
In its study the CTA studied salaries of more than half of the teachers in California.

Surveying teacher salaries paid in California and twenty other states with average salaries higher than the \$3,816 national average teacher salary for 1954-55, the Taxpayers' association found that:

1. Only three out of every 1,000 teachers in California are being paid less than \$3,500 a year.

2. 450 out of every 1,000 teachers in the state are in the \$3,500 to \$4,500 salary bracket.

3. 547 out of every 1,000 teachers in California are receiving \$4,500 a year or more.

**Pacific Coast High**  
"Not only California, but the other Pacific Coast states lead the nation in numbers of teachers in the high salary brackets," the Taxpayers' Assn. said.

"California pays 92.7 per cent of its teachers \$3,500 a year or more. Washington follows

## PV College Plans Play

"Juno and the Paycock" by Sean O'Casey, is now in rehearsal at Palos Verdes College as the drama department's spring production, with four performances scheduled for the evenings of March 16 through 19.

"Juno," a mixture of extravagant and sardonic comedy, is generally regarded as the best play of the Irish dramatist, recently called the greatest living playwright in the English language in a Life Magazine article.

Reservations for tickets, limited to 60 at each performance, may be made by telephoning FR. 7-4541, or writing the college office.

with 82 per cent; Nevada, 89 per cent; New Mexico, 80 per cent; Oregon, 80 per cent; and Arizona, 78 per cent. New York is the only non-western state in the top seven, with 82 per cent of its teachers in the \$3,500 a year or more pay group.

## Los Cancioneros Set March 20th As Concert Date

Los Cancioneros, local choral group who have sung on numerous occasions here, will present its first concert performance in Manhattan Beach Sunday evening, March 20, in the Neptune Club. Several selections chosen for the South Bay city group's annual concert will be previewed here, Roger Bushell, director, announced this week.

Most recent performance by the group, comprised of 35 singers from Hollywood Riviera, Torrance, and South Bay cities was at the Torrance Junior Woman's Club.

Bushell of Manhattan Beach, well-known director, piano soloist and accompanist, will conduct arrangements of spirituals, sacred selections, Swedish folk tunes, and 17th Century songs. A majority of these numbers will be sung a capella.

It is the interpretation of various a capella works that Los Cancioneros has gained recognition throughout the area since its organization in 1949 to 1954 under the baton of Barbara Mabin of Hollywood Riviera, and this year following the leadership of Bushell.

In addition to full choral numbers, the men's quartet, a newly-formed women's group, and several soloists will sing. The concert is being given with the support of the Redondo Beach Church of Religious Science. Information and tickets may be obtained by calling Mrs. Jan Gaz, chairman, at FRontier 7-1900.

**SIMPLE RULE**  
New Zealand's Parliament has only one house and it consists of a membership of not to exceed 80 persons.

## Theater Group Sets Auditions Tomorrow Night

Open try-outs for the debut production of ACCENT: Theatre!, new civic drama group, will be held tomorrow night at 8:30 in the Torrance Elementary School Auditorium. Some fifteen roles of all types are to be cast for Ayn Rand's "Night of January Sixteenth," according to Jack Hudson, director.

Characters ranging from that of a dignified judge down to a not-so-dignified night club dancer must be filled, Hudson says. All roles, including the leads, will be drawn from persons attending auditions tomorrow and next Tuesday.

The play, a tense courtroom melodrama, has been produced by literally hundreds of community theatre groups all over the country since its Broadway debut in the late Thirties. What makes it so popular are the unusual staging, by which actors sit in the audience, and its adaptability for amateur players.

**Became Producer**  
Hudson directed "Night of January Sixteenth" as the initial production of Kansas City's YMCA Theater, which he directed two seasons. Later he became first director-producer of ACCENT: Theatre! of Kansas City, which opened with Tennessee Williams' "The Rose Tattoo."

He has directed other Williams plays and one by James Barrie. While getting his degree at the University Community Playhouse in Kansas City, he starred in such shows as "Cyrano de Bergerac," "Mistress of the Inn," "Dear Ruth," Offenbach's "Fair Helen," "Tonight At 8:30," and "Circle of Chalk." He appeared with Jane Cowl under the direction of Blevins Davis, co-producer of the hit "Porgy and Bess."

Hudson, now a teacher at Torrance High School, made his first appearance on a Southern California stage in the Morgan Theater production of "The Country Girl." He played the role currently being done on the screen by William Holden.

**STORM CLOUDS**  
Cumulo-nimbus clouds which figure during thunderstorms have a spreading anvil-like top which may reach a height up to 25,000 feet, and sometimes have been recorded higher.

## Area Libraries Record 25 Per Cent Circulation Hike

Television apparently isn't hurting reading in the Torrance area too much, since library officials issued a report this week showing a 25 per cent increase in book borrowing from local libraries.

The six libraries in this area circulated some 197,952 books during 1954, compared with 157,334 in 1953. In the city of Torrance the jump was from 119,338 in 1953 to 141,700 last year.

The circulation increase at the three Torrance libraries

was slightly higher than the county-wide increase—15.43 per cent. The Keystone branch, at 225 E. Carson St., nearly doubled its circulation, while the Lomita branch recorded a slight drop.

During the year, the county bought 89,218 new books, and maintained a circulation of 4,606,271.

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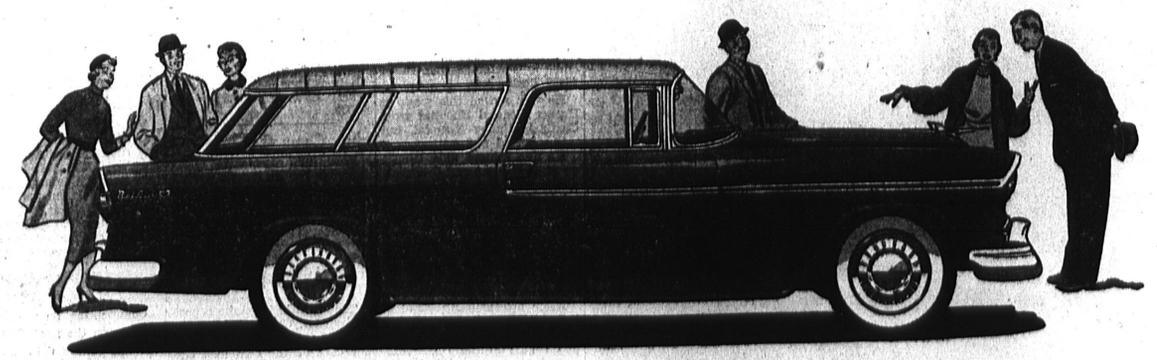
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